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## POWERFUL ENGINES IN INCOMPETENT HANDS

While a good deal has been said by the chief of police and others about the danger to pedestrians from fast-driven automobiles, and while the legislature is just after making a very elaborate law for the regulation of motors on the public highways of the province, there is one phase of the question that seems to have escaped attention.

It is like this: The government, and the city in its auto bylaw, undertakes to provide public safety by regulating the speed of autos, regardless of the fact that in some hands an auto is dangerous just so long as it has gasoline in the tank and the spark is working, while in other hands the same machine might be safe at a speed many times higher than the law allows.

In other words, public safety depends not so much on requiring drivers of machines to keep within a certain speed limit as it does in requiring that the drivers be competent.

Bringing with it an entirely new set of conditions, the auto has come into common use very suddenly, so suddenly, in fact, that the legislative mind has so far not quite caught the perspective.

For instance, if a saw-miller starts a saw working on the Pembina or some other isolated stream, if he installs a 40-horse power engine to turn the wheels, and if he undertakes to operate his own engine without first going through an examination to establish his competency, the law provides for him a jail penalty. The circumstance that his engine is stationary and that it could never be a menace to more than a very few persons at once is not the point at all. The thing is that the government requires evidence that he can run that engine without blowing himself or anyone else into eternity.

Take another instance: A railway company requires of its employees a course of training covering a number of years in the shops before it will entrust any one of them to even fire on the road, and after he has risen, through five or ten years of training, to the dignity of fireman, the company requires that he pass a most rigid examination before they will entrust him as a driver, and then they provide for every other contingency by requiring inspections of the boiler and every part of the locomotive. Yet the locomotive is confined to a track and cannot possibly be a menace to anyone who has sense enough to keep off the track.

But how differently the law regards the driver of an automobile. The modern motor is a terribly powerful engine. There are in the city of Edmonton today probably two hundred of them of forty-horse-power capacity or more. In incompetent hands an auto might at any moment suddenly become a veritable juggernaut. A ninety-pound school girl on the seat will have under her foot the power of 60 horses, capable, in answer to the pressure of her toe, of hurling thirty or forty thousand pounds forward at a speed of 40, 60 or 70 miles an hour. She is not confined to any track and may bring her engine into the most crowded parts of the city without breaking any law. At any moment a contingency might arise requiring quick thinking, perfect control of the nerves, instantaneous action to avert disaster. A second of panic may cost a human life.

Yet the law which undertakes to safeguard the public does not even require perfect sight or hearing on the part of the driver of an automobile, makes no regulation with regard to sex, age or physical condition, and requires no examination for competency, but takes cognizance only of the speed at which the machine may be operated.

It must be obvious that to regulate the speed is a poor provision for safety when there is nothing to guarantee that the driver can even control the speed.

In France and other European countries where the motor has become even more of an institution than in Alberta the law requires that any person who desires to operate an auto must first secure a certificate which is granted upon examination proving competency. Such a law in Alberta, where the auto is becoming more and more in common use, would furnish for the public a protection not given now and would at the same time save the motorist who is competent from the general spirit of resentment which is engendered by careless driving against autoists in common.

It is true that the law which passed the legislature a few days ago requires chauffeurs professionally engaged in the business of operating cars to pass an examination, but any autoist will tell you unhesitatingly that it is not from cars in the hands of chauffeurs that the danger lies, for the garage owner is not going to place his property in the hands of an incompetent or trust for the success of his business to a driver who is likely to land his patrons in the ditch. The real danger is from placing powerful engines in incompetent hands, and against this danger provision should be made.

## A LITTLE SIDELIGHT ON THE BONUSING SYSTEM

A little sidelight which shows how communities in the east destroy themselves through their feverish desire to exercise the bonus privilege is furnished by a dispatch in yesterday's Capital telling of an injunction proceeding taken by the corporation of the city of London, Ont., against the town of Newmarket to restrain the latter community from \$25,000 debentures to be loaned to a motor company already established in London.

There are in the province of Ontario many towns which have practically bankrupted themselves bonusing industries which never had any chance of success at all, but the promoters of which promised to do great things if given a certain bonus.

Whether the Newmarket concern is in this class or not it would be difficult to judge at this distance. But it may be taken for granted that if the \$25,000 loan is the only inducement which prompts the company to desire to move its plant from London to Newmarket, Newmarket is not getting much the best of it. If the company needs that amount of money and it is the kind of a company that would make what the insurance men call "a good risk," it would not have much difficulty negotiating the loan in the bank. On the other hand, if no bank could be found to lend the company the money it is difficult to see how the corporation of Newmarket could afford to take the chance.

In Alberta the Newmarket incident could not arise, because the provincial legislature has provided against bonusing, exempting and all such insidious systems of protection through the Towns act.

## JUST PARAGRAPHS

Abdul Hamid, ex-sultan of Turkey, is said to be dying in Constantinople. Abdul is 69 years old, as the calendar runs, but his age in wickedness is not measured by the calendar.

It is a rather cruel Christmas the Borden government has presented to so many servants at Ottawa, and the cruel part of it is that the ones to go occupy comparatively minor jobs in the service.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

December 29,

1800—William B. Gladstone, famous English statesman, born. Died May 19, 1898.

1845—Texas admitted to the Union.

1857—Canton, China, bombarded and taken by an allied naval force of English and French.

1862—Gen. Sherman, in his attack on Vicksburg, repulsed with heavy loss.

1865—The president restored State government to all the Southern States except Texas and Florida.

1868—Lord Lincoln appointed Governor-General of Canada.

1876—Eighty persons killed and many wounded in the Ashland railroad disaster.

1903—Raymond Prefontaine, Canadian minister of agriculture, died. Buried September 16, 1950.

THIS IS MY BIRTHDAY

Morley Roberts.

Morley Roberts, a novelist and journalist of marked versatility, was born in London, December 29, 1857.

Following his graduation at Owens College, Manchester, he traveled widely, working with story and editing on railroads and in sawmills in many parts of Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada, and having served before the mast in sailing vessels. More recently he has visited the British Isles, the South Seas, the Samoa, Cape Colony, Rhodesia and the Transvaal.

Mr. Roberts has published more than forty books, the first, "The Western Averages," appearing in 1887.

Among the most popular of his English novels are "The Idlers," "David Bran," "Lady Penelope" and "Thorp's Way."

Seventeen states make it mandatory for employers to report all accidents to an authorized state official, so that accurate vital statistics can be readily obtained for the further advice and information of the people to the hands of additional legislation for the conservation of life and limb.

## ANDERSON-TUDHOPE COMPANY BUILD

NEW FIVE STOREY WAREHOUSE  
WILL GO UP NEXT YEAR ON  
THIRD STREET.

A five-story warehouse building, with a fifty-foot frontage on the west side of Third street just south of the Royal Fruit company's building and with a depth of 150 feet is to be erected next spring by Anderson and Tudhope company of Winnipeg, of which L. L. Hoar is the Edmonton manager.

The building will be used as a wholesale and retail warehouse for carriages, automobiles and all kinds of farming implements.

The Anderson-Tudhope company has been re-organizing recently with greatly increased capital, taking over a number of small manufacturing concerns in the city such as the Lorne Wagon Manufacturing company, the Sylvester Manufacturing company, of Lindsay and the Percival Bros. company, of Smith's Falls. All these lines will be kept for sale in the Edmonton warehouse building. Trade work is expected to be increased very rapidly. Construction work on the new warehouse, which is expected to cost about \$25,000 will be commenced early in the spring and it will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Edmonton is to be the chief distributing point for the company in Central Alberta and the building is being planned to accommodate the trade which is expected to increase very rapidly.

## City Hall Notes

Price is Increased.

Amended bids were submitted to the commissioners this morning by Gorman, Clancy and Grindley for supplying steel for a rail road. The amended bids show a raise of 84 cents on the ton for steel. This in the aggregate amounts in round numbers to about \$1,000. Tenders for steel for street railway purposes were opened some days ago, two tenders being submitted, the local firm and the General Supply company of Calgary. The bids were submitted to the engineer for completion and the report of the usual course.

The engineer reported recommending the contract to be let to Gorman, Clancy and Grindley, the firm being the lowest tenderer. It was duly moved and seconded and carried by the commissioners.

Contract for the steel for the street railway was awarded to Gorman, Clancy and Grindley. This occurred a day or two ago.

This morning the amended quotations were on the desk from Gorman, Clancy and Grindley, making the raise in price for steel 84 cents on the ton.

The amended bids show as follows:

200 Tons 60-lb. rail \$52.29 a ton.

1,000 tons 60-lb. rail \$52.29 a ton.

Splice bars, \$2.50 a hundred lbs.

Splice bolts and nuts, \$4.35 a hundred pounds.

Spikes, \$2.80 a hundred pounds.

No action was taken this morning regarding the amended tenders.

To award the contract in regular and legal order it will be necessary that action be formally taken by the commissioners.

They were met in the morning and duly noted in the minutes. It is said that in figuring the original bid the individual entrusted to do the work made a mistake in figuring freight and duty, using \$7 instead of \$7.84.

Light on Dead Cars.

Upon the suggestion of the city solicitor, who has been looking over the new rules and regulations for motor cars and conductors and street car operation, the street railway superintendent will be asked to have two lanterns constantly on each street car at night so that they may be put out as danger signals when a car goes "dead" on the line.

When anything happens to the power shutting off the electricity the lights in the cars necessarily go out. Likewise something may happen to the car electrical equipment which may cause the lights to go out. Under such occasions the car men are to be equipped with two lanterns.

It is proposed to put out the lanterns as danger signals to prevent approaching cars from running into them.

And likewise prevent vehicles from running into such "dead" cars. The importance of the matter is being brought to the legal mind of the city solicitor by an extensive damage suit.

Washington D. C., where a crowded street car crashed into a "dead" car. Several lives were lost.

Some More Regulations.

According to rules the department the conductors cannot be compelled to make change of a bill exceeding the two dollar limit.

If the passenger does not have such a small denomination in his purse, and if the conductor feels that he is unable to change a larger bill, the passenger must leave the car under such circumstances it becomes the painful duty of the conductor to eject such passenger, regardless of size and physique.

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## Men's Fur Coats \$15.00

30 MEN'S FUR AND FUR TRIMMED COATS, Wallaby, Black Galloway, brown, Calif. China Dog and Black Beaver Cloth, with Mink Marmot Collar. In fact, every fur and fur trimmed Coat in stock with the exception of Coon and Rat Lined. The Regular Prices are up to \$24.00. To clear in one day, Saturday, each..... \$15.00

## Clearing Sale of Toys 5c

Included in this sale are Teddy Bears, Stuffed Animals, Dressed and Undressed Dolls, Dolls' Heads, Mirrors, fancy China Articles, Doll's Beds, Rubber Balls, Card Albums, Small Pictures. Regular prices up to 50c. Be here early. Saturday each..... 5c

## \$1.75 Broadcloth 75c

54 Inch Reversible Broadcloth, green with navy reverse, bronze with purple reverse. These are new and correct for next spring wear. Regular \$1.75 value. Saturday per yard..... 75c

## Handkerchiefs 5c

Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitch, with cross-bar; Men's Hemstitched, with colored border. Regular 10c and 15c. Saturday 8.30 a.m., each..... 5c

## Linen Lunch Cloths 95c

30x30 Fine Pure Linen Hand Drawn LUNCH CLOTHS with spoke pattern hemstitching. Good \$1.50 value. On Saturday, each..... 95c

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For the sum of \$40,000, the city of new city hall, quite the contrary. Commissioner Candy as well as his worth. The mayor, are opposed to have McDougall and Fraser, the city hall. Mr. Candy claims that such would not even be economical. It is proposed to erect the police station upon property to be purchased. This is directly across the street from the Central Market square, the site of the proposed new city hall. Money to pay for this city hall is to be included in the estimate bylaw to be submitted to the people for consent within a few weeks. Pending the passing of the city ratification by the burgesses the option holds good.

## PLANNING A RAPID CONSTRUCTION OF TRANSCONTINENTAL

Track Now Completed to Mile 28 West of Summit—Number of American Contractors May Take Hand in the Work Before Long

Every effort will be put forth this winter by Foley, Welsh and Stewart, contractors on the 410 mile apiece in the National Transcontinental, between Tete Juan Cacho, 49 miles west of the summit of the Yellowhead pass and Aldermere, in the Bulkley Valley, with a view of completing as much of the contract as possible before the snow dies in the fall of 1912. The track is now completed to mile 28 west of the summit and everything is in readiness for forwarding supplies to the uncompleted section of the road. Gangs of men are in the field clearing the right of way from both ends. The firm is building two steel wheel steam-boats at Tete Juan Cacho, a gang of men with George Ashby of Vancouver, having passed through the winter work on their way west to commence the work.

The construction company is now engaging all the available freighting teams and a number of extra men for the winter freighting operations west of the present head of sled. The trails along the Fraser will be lined with freight teams until the ice breaks up in the spring after which the supplies will be moved forward by boat.

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Smith and company, Twohey brothers and Meritt Welch. Some of these firms have had contracts on the section of the C.N.R. main line west of the summit of the Yellowhead. They will bring with them for the G.T.P. contracts a large amount of heavy equipment and this will be augmented by a number of large outfits to be purchased by Foley, Welsh and Stewart themselves. As much of this equipment as possible will be taken to the scene of operations while the winter trails are good.

DE PACHMAN PROGRAMME.  
Following is the programme to be rendered by Vladimir de Pachman, who is celebrated pianist at the Empire theatre this evening:

1. Sonata No. 9, A major.....Mazart  
Tema con variazioni  
Menuetto  
Alta Tura

11. (a) Etude von Liszt, Op. 12, No. 4, P. major.....Schumann

(b) Spinning Song, Op. 67, No. 4.....Mendelssohn

(c) The Song of the Sea, Op. 6, P. major.....Mendelssohn

(d) Rondo Brillante, Op. 62, E. flat.....Weber-Henselt

111. (a) Nocturne, Op. 27, No. 2, D. flat major.....Chopin

(b) Prelude, Op. 15, No. 15, B. flat minor.....Chopin

(c) Impromptu, Op. 36, F. sharp major.....Chopin

(d) Etude, Op. 10, No. 3, B. flat major.....Chopin

(e) Mazurka, Op. 67, No. 4, A. major.....Chopin

(f) Mazurka, Op. 56, No. 2, C. major.....Chopin

(g) Valse Brillante, Op. 34, A. flat.....Chopin

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Grace Methodist Sabbath School will hold their annual entertainment this evening in the church. A select programme of choruses, duets, solos, dramatic readings and tableaux will be rendered. All members and friends of the school are especially invited to be present. Concert starts at 8 o'clock sharp.

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# FIFTY-EIGHT NEGROES LYNCHED THIS YEAR

Total of Sixty Persons Hanged Without Due Recourse in Law—Majority Were Charged with Murderous Assault—Where the Law Was Cheated

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—The lynching record for 1911 shows a distinct though slight improvement over the records of previous years. The number of persons lynched since Jan. 1—sixty—is slightly less than that of any other recent year. All but two of the sixty persons lynched were negroes. Of the fifty-eight negroes, one was a woman. The crimes charged against these victims range all the way from insult to criminal assault and murder. Georgia leads with the most lynchings—seventeen. Lynchings occurred in thirteen states. All of these were southern or border states, excepting Pennsylvania, which furnished the only instance of the year where the victim was burned at the stake.

Contrary to the record of previous years the majority of the victims were not accused of crimes against women. In several instances race riots were reported in which both whites and negroes were killed. These are not included in the record of the year. In the following record the word "lynching" has been held to apply only to the summary punishment inflicted by a mob or by any number of citizens on a person alleged to have committed a crime for which in the ordinary course that person would have been tried by law.

The detailed record for 1911 is as follows:

- Alabama—(Three, all Negroes.) J. W. Peterson—Attack on women. Jackson Walker—Criminal attack. Abderhino Johnson—Criminal attack. Arkansas—(Two Negroes, one White.) Arthur Dean—Murder. Charles Malpass (white)—Murder. Nathan Lacy—Criminal attack. Florida—(Seven, all Negroes.) Calvin Baker—Threat to murder. Six unknown negroes—Murder. Georgia—(Seventeen, all Negroes.) Robert Jones—Murder. John Vazey—Murder. Charles Hale—Criminal attack. Dawson Jordan—Murder. Charlie Pickett—Murder. Murray Dutton—Murder. John McLeod—Murder. Ben Smith—Murder. Joe Moore—Murder. Tom Allen—Criminal attack. Joe Watts—Under suspicion. Unknown negro—Criminal attack. Will McGriff—Murder. Andrew Chapman—Criminal attack. Jerry Litchace—Assault to murder. Dave Walker—Murder. Kentucky—(Three, all Negroes.) Gene Marshall—Murder. Wade Patterson—Insulting white woman. Will Butler—Murder. Louisiana—(Four, all Negroes.) Oval Poulard—Attempted murder. Sam Gookey—Criminal attack. Sam Jones—Criminal attack. Myra Taylor—Murder. Mississippi—(Six, all Negroes.) Will Brown—Attempted murder. Cliff Jones—Attempted murder. Bruce White—Attempted murder. Alfred Johnson—Murder. William Bradford—Attempted murder. "Judge" Mosely—Assault. Missouri—(Two Negroes.) A. B. Richardson—Robbery and assault. Ben Woods—Robbery and assault. Oklahoma—(7 Negroes, 1 Woman.) Mrs. Mary Nelson (negroes)—Murder. Mrs. Nelson's son—Murder. Unknown negro—Criminal attack. Peter Carter—Criminal attack. Ed. Suddeth—Murder. "Bud" Walker—Highway robbery. Unknown negro—Criminal attack. Pennsylvania—(One Negro.) Zack Walker (burned)—Murder. South Carolina—(One Negro.) Willie Jack—Criminal attack. One other lynching reported, but report not confirmed. Tennessee—(Three, all negroes.) Jim Sweat—Murder. Pat Crump—Criminal attack. John Winston—Murder. Texas—(Three Negroes and 1 White.) Unknown Mexican youth—Murder. Commodore Jones—Insulting white woman. Will Oile—Criminal attack. Riley Johnson—Criminal attack.

## CABINET ORDERS PRIESTS BANISHED

FOUR PROMINENT DIVINES MUST LEAVE PORTUGAL—ONE SLATED FOR RED HAT

(Western Associated Press.) Lisbon, Dec. 29.—The government has issued a decree banishing for two years Monsignor Anthony Mendes Bello, the patriarch of Lisbon, the bishop of Guarda, and the administrator of the diocese of Oporto, from their respective districts. The ground on which the banishment is based is persistent opposition to the organization to cultural associations. It was reported recently that the government would prosecute Monsignor Bello on a charge of conspiring against the republic. The name of the Patriarch of Lisbon has been mentioned frequently in connection with the creation of new cardinals, it being thought that he was likely soon to receive the "Red Hat."

## SMALLPOX IN QUEBEC CAUSES CONCERN

(Western Associated Press.) Montreal, Dec. 29.—Notwithstanding the denial of Mayor Drouin that an epidemic of smallpox threatens Quebec, the provincial board of health today declared that their information was reliable and that the statement given out last night, that smallpox was prevalent in the provincial capital and that the local authorities were not taking the necessary steps to cope with the disease was correct.

The provincial officials are following up the statement by Chief Inspector Dr. J. A. Beaudry to Quebec to assist the local authorities and to investigate conditions.



THE COUNTESS SPOTTSWOOD MAC KINN, formerly Sallie Britton, daughter of a former mayor of St. Louis, who was given an audience by Pope Pius in Rome recently.

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## School Boy Murder Causes Sensation

Boys Decide to Organize Band of Expropriators, and Repent of Disclosing Fact to Playmate Decide to Put Him Out of the Way, Killing Him

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—The murder of Nikolai Sokoloff, a boy of 14, by one of his schoolfellows has caused a profound sensation in Saratoff.

Nikolai was the son of a prosperous corn factor, a Russian of the old-fashioned sort, greatly respected in the town. At the commercial school which the boy attended he learned the principles of the revolution. Older boys quickly convinced him that the usual facile arguments, that the ideas and practices of his parents were wrong and foolish. Nikolai began to refuse to go to church, he scoffed at the holy icons, he announced in the family circle that no man of sense now believed in the existence of God. It had never occurred to his father and mother to doubt the teaching of the Orthodox church, and they were unable to meet arguments skillfully advanced by the child in support of his contentions. The boy accepted the doctrines of Socialists and anarchists with the same facility as athletic principles, and referred familiarly to the Czar as Kolya, the shortened form of Nikolai.

A week ago Nikolai disappeared. He left home in the afternoon and did not return. His father informed the police and he and his wife went to the Troitsk Sobor, where they lighted two candles before the icon of St. Nicholas and murmured the eternal prayer of the Russian church, "Lord have mercy" many times as they bowed before the picture and crossed themselves. The police searched Saratoff

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## POLICE CHIEF IS SERIOUSLY HURT

MURDEROUSLY ASSAULTED BY PRISONER, WHO MAKES HIS ESCAPE, BUT IS EASILY RECAPTURED

(Western Associated Press.) North Bay, Ont., Dec. 29.—Chief of Police Robert McIntyre, of Nantawa, was assaulted by a prisoner named Ernest Monette, alias Gane and Leclair, held on a charge of forgery, and obtaining money under false pretences. Monette came behind the chief in the lock-up and struck him with a club, knocking him unconscious. Town Clerk John McKee rushed in and was also attacked by the prisoner who then made his escape to the prison. A posse was organized and Monette was re-captured. He was committed for trial and brought before Judge Vail at North Bay, pleading guilty to forgery. He was remanded for sentence pending the outcome of Chief McIntyre's injuries which may possibly result fatally.

KNIGHTS OF ZION IN SESSION. (Special to The Capital.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—The Knights of Zion, a Jewish organization with a considerable membership throughout the United States, began its annual convention in Detroit today. The chief aim of the organization is to aid in the movement for the return to Palestine of the persecuted Jews of Russia, Roumania, and other countries.

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## N.Y. STATE FAILS TO GET CONVICTION

**HARRIS AND BLANK, OF TRIANGLE WAIST CO., ARE ACQUITTED ON INDICTMENT FOR FIRE HOLOCAUST**

New York, Dec. 29.—The state failed today to fix the blame for the fire here of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employees of the Triangle Waist company lost their lives. A verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today by the jury in the case of Issac Harris and Max Blank, proprietors of the factory, who were indicted for the holocaust.

Unusual precautions were taken to prevent a repetition at the court house today of the demonstrations which have been made against the defendants during the trial. The corridors and entrances were guarded by policemen. The jury came in after deliberating for an hour and forty-five minutes. The pronouncement of acquittal was first taken an adjournment to an afternoon, they gave way to their emotion in tears when embraced by their relatives and friends.

As they passed out through a lane of policemen to the street a large crowd of men women and children awaited them. One hysterical man tried to press through the throng crying: "Not guilty? Not guilty? Murder, murder, murder." He fell on the steps of the court house in convulsions, gasping that he had lost his sister in the fire.

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## Bank Clearings

Toronto, Dec. 29.—The bank clearings for the week ending December 29th, are as follows:

	Week 28th 1911.	Week 29th 1910.
Montreal	\$38,557,825	\$34,668,432
Toronto	32,593,514	26,882,335
Winnipeg	26,451,557	17,459,936
Vancouver	9,260,749	8,123,827
Ottawa	3,271,034	3,011,807
Calgary	4,597,090	3,163,310
Quebec	3,195,614	1,989,974
Victoria	2,676,237	1,850,614
Hamilton	2,660,267	1,917,093
Halifax	1,591,650	1,501,791
St. John	1,494,653	1,212,481
Edmonton	2,581,075	1,390,109
London	1,408,509	1,247,676
Regina	1,427,639	1,131,745
Brandon	696,709	578,508
Leithbridge	558,565	532,108
Saskatoon	1,352,985	777,728
Total	\$194,376,525	107,194,681
Brantford	562,919	24
Moose Jaw	935,226	
St. William	483,369	

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## THE WEATHER.

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Decidedly cold weather has continued all over the prairie provinces. Even the maximum temperatures have been many degrees below zero.

Forecast—All West: Fine and continued low temperature today and tomorrow.

	High.	Low.
Edmonton, cloudy	10	-2
Calgary, clear	10	-2
Winnipeg, cloudy	-26	-32
Brandon, clear	-20	-42
Kanopolis, clear	14	-42

## WILL OPPOSE ANY \$25,000 BUILDING

When Proposed New Market Building Is Presented to Council for Funds the Board Will Probably Cut Expenditure Down to Very Few Thousand

When the city commissioners ask the city council for some \$25,000 for a market building to be located on the First street market, then that \$25,000 building will be in the breakers. Entirely too extensive a structure, is the way in which several of the aldermen look upon the proposal. It is quite probable that instead of \$25,000 being provided for such a purpose, the sum of \$2,500 will be nearer equal the amount that may be expended for such a purpose. Several of the aldermen do not approve of putting any large sum of money in a market building.

At the present time an architect is drawing plans for a building to be erected on the First street market. It is desired to provide suitable accommodation for farmers and others who bring produce to the city to sell. At the present time produce, meats, etc., brought to town and sold on the First street market, are handled from wagons backed up to the inner edge of the sidewalk. At night the farmer must care for the unsold portions of his

load as best he can. With a building the farmer would obtain a stall at a nominal cost, would display his goods there, and lock the stall at night. A rather extensive building is being planned at the present time, one with offices in the second story. It is proposed to temporarily house the engineering staff in the second story of this market building.

Alderman Charles Gowan is one who will never vote for any \$25,000 expenditure for such a purpose. That is too much money. About \$3,500 is all he believes should be utilized for such a purpose and opines that such money would put up an adequate shelter, properly partitioned. He maintains that the First street market is too far out for the location of the engineering office or any other city office.

Alderman J. W. Mould does not re-

late the idea of \$25,000 for a market building. He agrees with Alderman Gowan that a building that will answer the purpose admirably can be put up for a nominal cost.

## DOES NOT AGREE TO POSTPONEMENT

WOULD BUILD THE CITY HALL SOMETHING ON INSTANT PLAN

Alderman H. L. McInnis is one who does not agree with Commissioner W. Gandy's claim that the city of Edmonton should wait five years before attempting to erect a city hall. The commissioner believes that marble and granite building material to be made available with further railway construction, the demand for more adequate public utilities, street improvements, new plant and other necessities are a sufficient reason for postponing the erection of a city hall until they have become realities. Furthermore, the commissioner claims, the city is today of not sufficient size to attempt the erection of an adequate city hall for the future Greater Edmonton.

Alderman McInnis fails to view the matter in this manner. Dr. McInnis is in accord with the opinion that the city cannot at this time build a city hall for the future, the near future of some ten or twenty years. However, he would avoid this difficulty by building that city hall on the installment plan. The alderman would put in the foundations of the whole structure, making the foundations equal to a six or eight story structure. He would make the city hall in the shape of the letter "H". The sides, he would devote to the various public utility offices. The central portion or cross bar of the letter "H" he would give over to the main city offices. But the entire building would not be constructed at this time. The alderman would build such of it as the city can afford and would add to it from time to time, as the public purse permitted and the municipal growth demanded. Eventually he would have a big tall towering letter "H" building, located on the Central Market square, with granite broad walks leading to the various doors and well groomed lawn surrounding the structure. Every department would have its main office located therein, so that one roof would shelter the whole business management of the entire city.

The question of city hall is uppermost at this time because of the steps being taken in such regard. The amount of room necessary is being compiled preparatory to requisitioning the submission of plans.

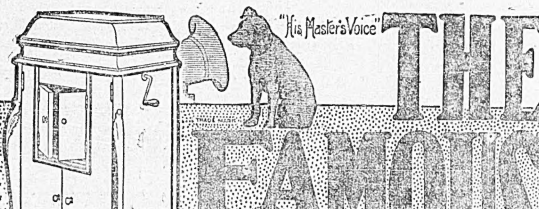
**MANY BOARDS ATTEND.**  
(Western Associated Press.)  
Regina, Sask., Dec. 29.—The meeting of boards of trade of Southern Saskatchewan will be held here on Saturday 4th. It is expected that upwards of fifty boards will be represented and questions of traffic congestion and other important matters will be dealt with.

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR.**  
(Western Associated Press.)  
Regina, Dec. 29.—Dr. Hodgson, late of Glasgow, who recently toured the West with the Sheffield choir, has arrived in the city to take up duties of musical director of the city choir, which he accepted some months ago.

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